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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Re: Dockets 01-92 and 06-122

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Tate and McDowell:

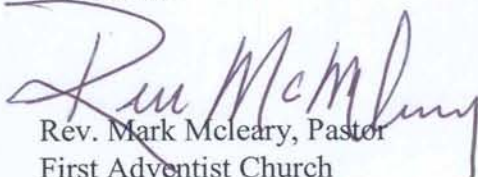
We are writing to express our concerns about your proposal to increase phone bills for millions of U.S. households by potentially billions of dollars each year when so many working families are already struggling to get by.

Many of the constituents we represent operate on fixed or limited monthly budgets and try to keep their phone bills low by making fewer long-distance calls. But we understand that these are the very consumers that will bear a greater share of the burden of the phone system if the FCC adopts the proposals on the table at its November 4 meeting.

It is also concerning that so few details about this proposal have been made public. You can certainly understand how hiking phone bills -- in an economy in which many households may be on the brink of financial calamity -- would be alarming. Yet the public has received very little information about this plan that could be approved on the same day when their attention is turned to the Presidential election.


With billions in consumer dollars at stake and significant implications for the U.S. telecommunications marketplace, we believe the appropriate approach at this time is to vote no on November 4 and tackle these important issues with greater transparency at a subsequent date.

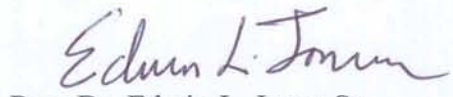
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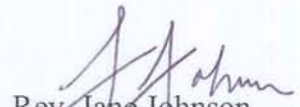


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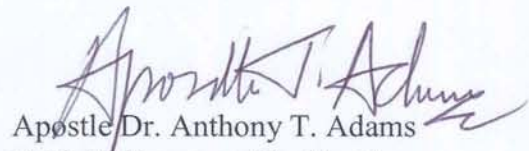

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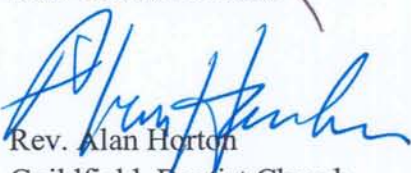

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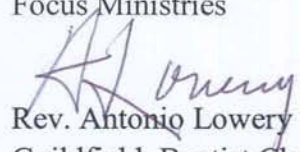

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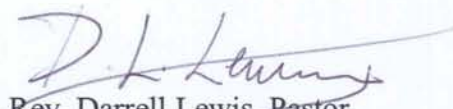

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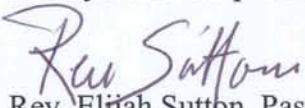

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